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Anticipated Classification  
of this Application:  
 Class 216     Subclass 88  
Prior Application  
Examiner: A. Chevalier  
Art Unit: 1772

DIVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a  continuation  divisional application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/346,004 filed July 1, 1999, by Takehito USHIKI; Hitoshi TSUNODA (inventor(s) currently of record in prior application) for SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND WAFER CHUCK.

1.  Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed, or a replacement specification which does not add new matter.
2.  The filing fee is calculated below:

CALCULATION OF FEES								
ITEM		TOTAL NO. OF CLAIMS		NO. OF CLAIMS OVER BASE	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		\$ AMOUNT	\$ FEE
A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	4	-20	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	0	
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	1	-3	0	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$84	0	
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)						\$ 0	
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140	\$ 0
E	BASIC FEE						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$740 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$370	\$ 740
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)							\$ 740
	*LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 14							

3.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4.  A check in the amount of \$ 740 is enclosed.

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5.  Cancel in this application original claims 13 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

6.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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This is a  continuation  divisional of application Serial No. 09/346,004 filed July 1, 1999, which application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

7a.  New formal drawings are enclosed.

7b.  Priority of application Serial No(s).:

JAPAN application Serial No. 10-208633 filed July 8, 1998 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

7c.  The certified copy of the priority application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/346,004, filed July 1, 1999.

8.  The prior application is assigned of record to: Shin-Etsu Handotai Co., Ltd..

9.  The power of attorney in the prior application is as listed on the copies of the declaration and Associate Power of Attorney filed in the parent application.

a.  The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b.  Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c.  Address all future communications to:

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d.  A new Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.

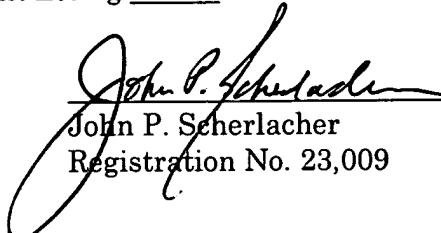
10.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

11.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Applicant no longer claims small entity status.

12.  An Information Disclosure Statement listing 8 references is enclosed.

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- two copies of a Divisional Application Transmittal
- check in amount of \$ 740 as filing fee
- patent application (29 page(s) of specification; 4 claim(s); 1 page(s) of abstract
- 5 sheet(s) of formal/informal drawings
- copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in parent
- Associate Powr Of Attorney (37 C.F.R. § 134)
- certified copy of JAPAN patent application No. 10-208633 which was filed July 8, 1998 from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement listing 8 references
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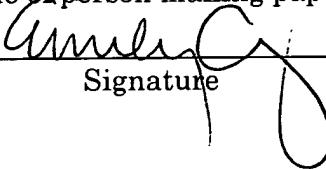
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